

**REMARKS**

**A. Pending claims**

Claims 19-39 stand rejected. Claims 19-39 are pending in the case.

**B. Non-Statutory Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejections**

The Office Action included a rejection of claims 1-5 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,960,249. The Office Action also included a provisional rejection of claim 1-18 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 19-40, claims 1-15, 28-43, 46, 48 and 49, and claim 4-22 of co-pending U.S. Patent Appl. Nos. 11/133,165, 11/131,892, and 11/132,167, respectively, as well as claims 1-18 of co-pending U.S. Patent Appl. Nos. 10/414,582 and 11/133,152.

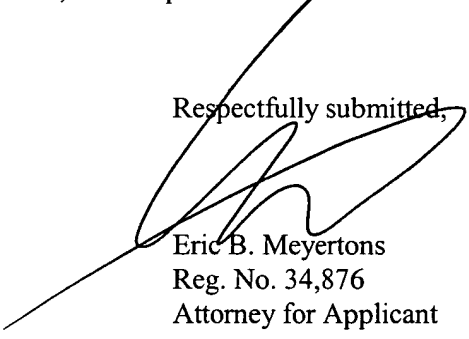
Applicant understands that the filing herewith of a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) overcomes these rejections and thus respectfully requests their removal.

C. Summary

Based on the above, Applicant submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance.  
Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant has attached hereto a Fee Authorization for the amount set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d), small entity. Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in association with this submission. Should any fees be required or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5937-00205/EBM

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